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### WINDOW CLIFFS STATE NATURAL AREA

Window Cliffs is a 275-acre day-use state natural area that opened for public access in April 2017. Window Cliffs is a prominent geological cliff-top feature that consists of a very narrow, elongated ridge 200 feet above Cane Creek. The entrance to Window Cliffs is located eight miles away from the entrance to Burgess Falls. Please allow at least two and a half to three hours to complete the 5.4-mile round trip. The round trip requires 18 creek crossings which can be challenging because there are rock crossings and no bridges, only cables. Water can, at times, begin to rise in the creek unexpectedly due to rain in the watershed. Always check the weather reports before heading out. Pets are not allowed in the natural area.

There will be times that the area is closed due to high water.

Summer Hours (March 1st – Oct 31st):  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; gate closes at 4:00 P.M.

Winter Hours (Nov 1st – Feb 28th/29th):  
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; gate closes at 2:00 P.M.

Address:  
8400 Old Cane Creek Rd, Baxter, TN 38544

### EVENTS

Scan the QR code for the most recent events at Burgess Falls State Park.



### NEARBY STATE PARKS

- Cummins Falls State Park: 19 miles
- Rock Island State Park: 20 miles
- Edgar Evins State Park: 26 miles

### GET INVOLVED

Volunteers and The Friends of Burgess Falls State Park assist in protecting and preserving the cultural and natural resources of Burgess Falls, to ensure the park's integrity for future generations to enjoy. It's easy to show your support—join the Friends group or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities we offer individuals, families and groups. To learn more about the Friends of Burgess Falls State Park, scan the QR code. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your area, visit [tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved](https://tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved).



### BURGESS FALLS STATE PARK

4000 Burgess Falls Drive  
Sparta, TN 38583  
931-432-5312

### HOURS OF OPERATION

May 1–Aug. 15: 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
Aug 16–Oct. 31: 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Nov 1–2nd Sun. in March: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
2nd Sat. in March (DST)–April 30: 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

### PLEASE NOTE

There is no access to the base of the falls from the park, and no designated swim area at Burgess Falls. Please do not park on roadsides or in non-designated areas.

### DIRECTIONS

From I-40, take Exit 286. Turn south off the 286 ramp onto State Highway 135. Proceed on State Highway 135 for eight miles, following the signs to the park.



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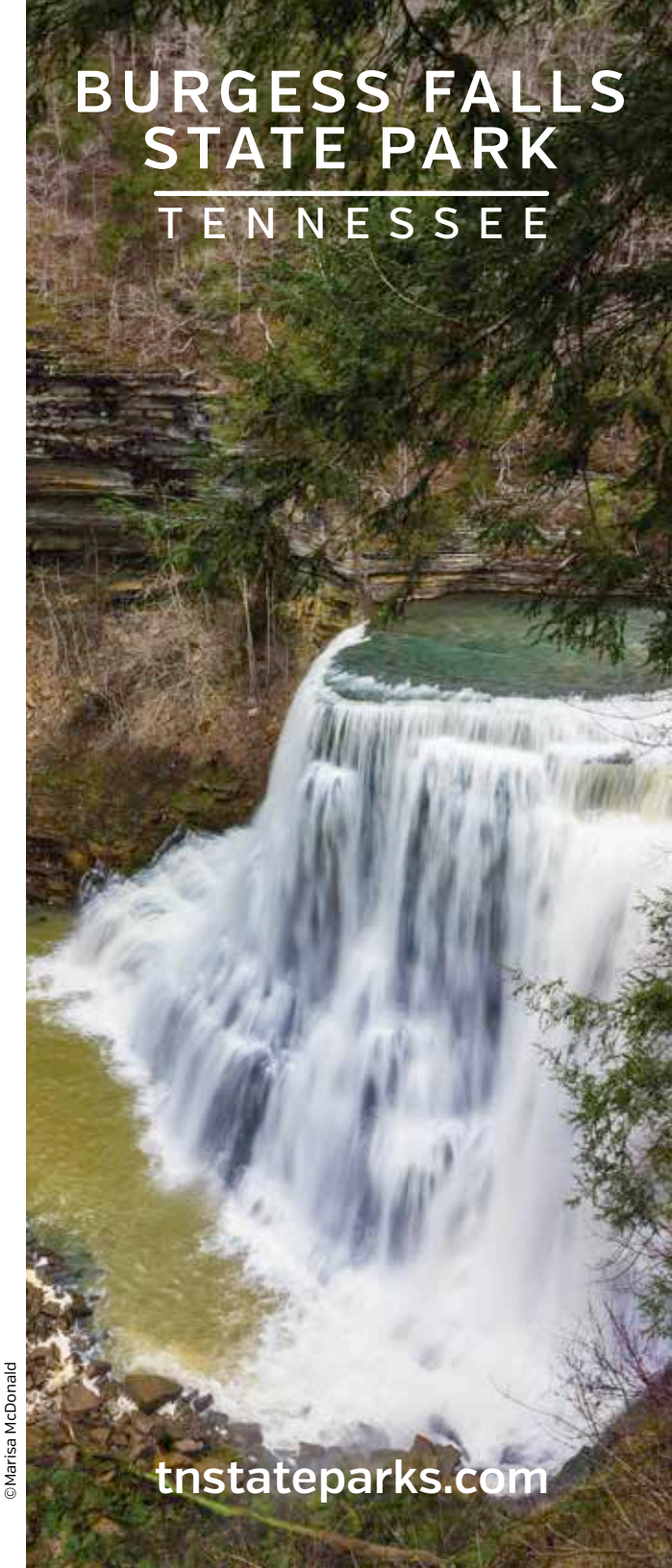
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### HIKING

The 1.5-mile round-trip River Trail/Service Road Loop is a moderately strenuous hike, taking visitors past the waterfalls and ending at the main overlook. The waterfalls include 20-foot cascades, 30-foot upper falls, 80-foot middle falls, and 136-foot lower falls. A steep trail ends near the top of the main waterfall. This is not an easy hike; the trail from the main overlook to the top of the main falls is very strenuous. Most people prefer to hike back to the parking lot along the service road. The one-quarter mile Ridge Top Trail is very scenic with views down the main canyon of Falling Water River. All trails are foot trails.

### PLAYGROUND

A small playground is located near the park restrooms.



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### BURGESS FALLS STATE PARK AND NATURAL AREA

located on the Falling Water River, is noted for its natural beauty and four waterfalls that cascade down from over 250 feet in elevation. The last of these falls is the most spectacular, plunging more than 130 feet into the gorge.

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The area was originally populated by Native Americans of the Cherokee, Creek, and Chickasaw Nations. These people used the land as a hunting ground until the late 19th century. The Falling Water River was harnessed to operate a gristmill, sawmill, and eventually to generate hydroelectric power for the city of Cookeville from 1924-1944. In 1973, the territory became a designated Tennessee State Natural Area, protecting the diverse forest and aquatic habitats.

### BIRDING

Birding is a popular activity at Burgess Falls. Barn and northern rough-winged swallows sally out over the river, and green and yellow-crowned night herons may be seen during spring and summer at the river's edge and on the lake.

### FISHING

Fishing is allowed from the cascades upstream to the dam, and on Burgess Falls Lake. A valid Tennessee fishing license is required.

